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"Return of Space Vehicles and Personnel

"The General Assembly,

"Recognizing that space vehicles may from time to time be the subject of accidents or experience conditions of distress,

"Recognizing that there may occur landings of space vehicles in the territory of foreign States by reason of accident, distress, or mistake,

"Believing that space vehicles should be dealt with in accordance with recognized principles and that their personnel, if any, should be treated with humanitarian concern,

"Commends to States for their guidance the following principles:

"1. States should render all possible assistance to foreign space vehicles and their personnel which may be the subject of accident or experience conditions of distress in space;

"2. Space vehicles and their personnel which land elsewhere than in territory under the jurisdiction and control of the launching State by reason of accident, distress or mistake should be safely returned without delay to the launching State, at the expense of the latter."

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